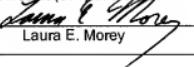


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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2007.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below. Payment of a two-month extension of time fee is being rendered with the submission of this response. This extends the time for response up to and including December 18, 2007. If any additional fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.